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"It's the season for holiday festivities, family gatherings and parties. And it's the time of the year when we strive to be the perfect hosts making sure our guests don't drink and drive.

The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety offers these tips to ensure your guests arrive home safely.

■ Set up a "dry bar" in a prominent spot that features non-alcoholic "mocktails" and beverages soft drinks, chilled white grape and other juices, spiced cider, punch, coffee, tea.

■ Put the "wet bar" in another location and include light wines and wine coolers and have measuring jiggers on hand for the mixers. Inexpensive one-ounce spoons, placed on the bottles, are convenient and easy to use.

■ Use distinctly different glassware at the "dry bar" and "wet bar" to reduce the chance of accidental mix-ups.

■ When serving an alcoholic punch, make it with a noncarbonated base, such as juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster if club soda or ginger ale is used in the punch or

■ Never force drinks on your guests. They may accept a drink they really don't want, to not appear rude. If you know a guest is driving, encourage him or her to visit the "dry bar" and food tables rather than the "wet bar."

■ Serve protein-rich starchy food near your "wet bar." Placing several tables of party food close to the bar will keep guests circulating, conversing, and eating. Attractive party platters will also discourage alcohol consumption as the focus of the party. Avoid serving salty foods that make people thirsty.

■ Two hours before the party's conclusion, close your "wet bar" and replace alcoholic drinks with appealing nonalcoholic beverages, coffee, and desserts. Remove all alcohol from the serving tables to ensure that no one drinks during the two hours before they leave.

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Clifford Minor sworn in new Essex County prosecutor

NEWARK—Clifford James Minor was sworn in last week as Essex County prosecutor. Minor has been the Presiding Judge for the Municipal Court of Newark since 1986.

Gov. Jim Florio administered the oath of office to the former Newark police officer at Essex County College before a crowd of more than 1,300 well-wishers.

Minor made notable accomplishments during his tenure as presiding judge. Shortly after his appointment, Minor initiated the computerization of the entire Newark Municipal Court system.

The selection of Minor as prosecutor satisfied the pleas of Newark's black clergy, which clamored for a black prosecutor to fill the vacancy created by the departure of acting prosecutor James Mulvihill. Mulvihill is a deputy attorney general who was named as the interim prosecutor when Herbert Tate, Jr., resigned to accept a federal post. Tate had been the first African-American prosecutor of Essex County.



Clifford Minor (right) is sworn in as Essex County prosecutor by Gov. Jim Florio. Minor's wife, Carol (center), held the Bible.

Florio submitted Minor's name to the county and state bar associations for their review last summer. The organizations initially rejected the submission, stating Minor lacked trial experience.

Minor will take on the task of

running New Jersey's largest and busiest prosecutor's office. He said that the priorities of his administration will be to combat the growing problems of juvenile crime, car theft, overworked jails and drugs.

A lifelong resident of Newark,

Minor earned an Associate of Science degree from Essex County College, a Bachelor of Science degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Juris Doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law.

Brown, first black named to Cabinet

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Democratic National Committee Chairman Ronald H. Brown has been chosen by President-elect Bill Clinton to head the Commerce Department. Brown is the first non-white named to the new team.

The selection of Brown follows a recent pattern of choosing a political ally to head the department, whose chief function is to promote U.S. business, supervise international trade and encourage technological and economic growth in the nation. It has been a popular department in which to place campaign supporters seeking jobs.

Clinton pledged to make the department, which he says is "unfocused" and has long been a backwater in Cabinet rankings, "a powerhouse" in promoting U.S. business at home and abroad. He said that Brown is someone who will make it a powerhouse.

Chairman of the DNC since 1989, Brown has had a long career as a Democratic activist. He spent 11 years at the Urban League and worked in the presidential campaign of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) and as Jesse Jackson's convention manager in 1988.

Brown has retained his lucrative partnership in the Washington law firm of Patton, Boggs & Blow. His clients have included Japanese companies such as Toshiba Corp., Sony Corp. and Samsui Electronics, and domestic concerns such as Columbia Inc., US JCV Corp. and American Express Co.

He also helped represent Haiti when it was under the dictatorship of Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Brown's skillful handling of the Democratic National Convention, and the Democratic primary competition leading up to the convention, drew rave reviews from Clinton and his aides. Clinton said he has not yet made up his mind about who he wants to replace Brown at the DNC. His campaign manager, David Wilhelm, is considered a likely choice. Aides of the president-elect suggest that Clinton would like to put a senior campaign aide at the DNC, just as Bush put the late Lee Atwater at the helm of the Republican Party apparatus in 1989.

'Council highjacked Administration' says Plainfield's Mayor Mitchell

Council Prez: its 'our fiduciary responsibility'

PLAINFIELD—"In an unbelievable display of arrogance and irresponsible government, four members of the Plainfield City Council have conspired in a shroud of secrecy to destroy the rational functioning of this City's government," said Mayor Harold W. Mitchell.

Mayor Mitchell said that the proposals made by City Council members to reduce the budgets of two department heads, as well as of others, were developed behind closed doors "without the knowledge, participation, or observation of the citizens, the Administration, or even the other three Council persons."

Mitchell charges that the legitimate process of developing a budget has been "perverted and corrupted by a group of four Council people who are pursuing personal vendettas masquerading as government."

"This is not about a budget. This is a political dispute between the Mayor and a select group of Council persons, namely

El-Amin, Urquhart, Muller and Smith, who have decided to highjack the Administration in an absurd and egotistical show of force," the mayor said.

City Council President Fahmneh El-Amin, expressing that she didn't like the idea of "responding to" a "release made by the mayor" after the fact, says that she doesn't feel that the council should have to defend itself.

"It is the council's fiduciary responsibility as elected representatives to propose a budget," she said. "We are taking on our fiduciary responsibility by being servants to the tax payers and not servants of the mayor and his administration."

El-Amin said, however, dispute the suggestion that she and three other council members submitted a budget without the consent of the rest of the council. She explained that the council broke into committees, each of which was to analyze the budget of certain departments.

"Every department came up with number cuts except for Public Affairs and Safety," she said. El-Amin explained that her committee developed cuts for this department, but that the other council members were fully aware of the proposed figures. "It was not a secret meeting. Everyone had the cuts," she explained. We submitted all numbers to the rest of the council on November 9 and then we

all worked the figures together."

El-Amin also said, "The mayor had an opportunity to come before the council to sell his spending plan. He chose not to do that." Instead, according to El-Amin, the mayor submitted his plan in writing.

Mitchell said that the proposal of the council members to eliminate the positions of Directors of Public Affairs and Safety, and Administration and Finance as of March 1993 violates the City's charter. He said that, under the charter, it is mandatory that the two positions be part of the government process.

El-Amin said, "We have not cut the monies from these positions entirely. There is still money there and those officials can work within the constraints of the monies that have been allocated to them."

The council president noted that the Mayor has failed to fill the positions of Corporate Counsel and Tax Collector, positions more important to the welfare of the city than the two officials of the council's budget. She said that the city has been without a corporate counsel and a tax collector since March "and we have not shut-down," she said.

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Santa's first stop was the BUS Shop



Thomas Jones of Piscataway, greeted customers of Black University Supply Shop (BUS Shop) as Santa Claus. His helpers, (l-r) Quliyana Johnson of Scotch Plains, Jessica Franklin of Piscataway and Betty Ann Lewis of Plainfield, assisted him in spreading the holiday spirit.

NPCBW submits names for Clinton administration

WASHINGTON—Poised to hold President-elect Clinton to his campaign promise that his Administration will reflect the diversity of America, the National Political Congress of Black Women (NPCBW) Commission for Presidential Appointment of African American Women announced its first round of recommendations of qualified African American women for appointment to Cabinet, Sub-Cabinet, Agency Heads, Advisory Commission positions and Ambassadors.

"We have been assured by President-elect Clinton that our recommendations will be fully and fully considered, and that he looks forward to working with our organization," said Dr. C. Delores Tucker, NPCBW Chair, a former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a member of the President-elect's National Women's Advisory Commission.

President-elect Bill Clinton agrees that "It is time to make women of color a more integral part of government, and to make government work for women of color of America."

The sixty-eight individuals whose nominations were announced represent a diverse cross-section of high-caliber, accomplished African American women of vast talent and expertise.

Several nationally recognized political figures are included: 1992 Democratic National Convention Chief Executive Officer Alexis Herman; District of Columbia Mayor, the Honorable Sharon Pratt Kelly; former Little Rock, Arkansas Mayor, the Honorable Louis Shackleford; former Congresswoman, the Honorable Shirley Chisholm (D-NY); and the Honorable Maxine Waters (D-CA).

Rounding out political figures included in the first round of nominees were D.C. City Council member, the Honorable Charlene Drew Jarvis; Maryland State Senator, the Honorable Gloria Lawley Baltimore City Council Member, the Honorable Vera Hall; and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Benin, Ambassador Ruth A. Davis.

Many women were nominated for consideration for appointment to various judicial positions. Names submitted for the United States Supreme Court include U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Dr. Mary Berry, the Honorable Eleanor

Holmes Norton (D-DC), and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Amalya (Continued on page 2)

Jones and Williams receive judgeships



Hon. Allison Brown-Jones

Hon. Marilyn Williams

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Eagle Award Recipient Camilla Tahan

"I love people. I take everybody as they were my own, so if I can help anyone I do," said Camilla Tahan, this month's Eagle Award Recipient.

And help she does. This 75-year-old wonder thanks God for her spirit and ability to get around. After retiring in 1977 from Saint Joe's Hospital in Paterson, where she resides, Mrs. Tahan dedicated herself to helping senior citizens, people with handicaps and anyone else in need. She is a member of the Mayor's Council on Aging, the Mayor's Council on Handicapped Services, and has received various awards from the police department and former Mayor Frank Gravers Jr., for her service to the community.

Mrs. Tahan is also involved with religious and community organizations such as the Paterson Interfaith Community Organization (PICO), Passaic County Emergency Food Coalition, and the Allepian Charity Society. She is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church, but is not very active any more because of her other commitments. She can often be found, however, working with the seniors and handicapped at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, which recently changed its name to Full Gospel.

Mrs. Tahan is the former president, current programmer, of the residents' association in her building, Maurice J. Brick Senior Citizens Housing. Mrs. Tahan has lived at Maurice Brick since it opened and is proud to announce plans for the 15th anniversary celebration next April.

Mrs. Tahan is also very inter-



Camilla Tahan

ested in the development of Paterson youth. As the president of the South Paterson Neighborhood Association, she helps to develop programs to keep young people off the street. The organization sponsors programs such as summer arts and crafts and holiday parties.

"It really hurts me to see the children affected by all the drugs and murders that go on today. I want to save our kids," she said. Originator of the problem mentioned in it is common enough to be shared with you.

City News salutes Camilla Tahan for her benevolence.

Honoring those who dare to soar with Eagles

Jones and Williams receive prominent judgements in Newark

NEWARK—To succeed Clifford J. Miller—recently sworn as Essex County prosecutor—was Newark's presiding judge, Mayor Sharpe James named Allison Brown-Jones to head the municipal bench.

Prior to being named to the Newark Municipal Court in 1988, Jones spent six years as an assistance court counsel in Newark's law department. While with the department, she was chief clerk for all labor contracts negotiated by the city and handled all disciplinary hearings for municipal agencies.

As presiding judge, besides administering the Central Judicial Processing Court, Jones will oversee the daily activities of six full-time Municipal Court judges, four acting judges, the court administrator and over 100 court employees.

Jones is a graduate of Jersey City State College and Rutgers University School of Law, and is a member of both the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Bar Associations.

To fill the vacancy on the Newark Municipal Court, James has

named Marilyn E. Williams, who has been an attorney in the City's law department since 1986. Her confirmation will bring the number of women sitting on the municipal bench to three, or 50 percent of the full-time judges—the largest number in the City's history.

Williams, born and raised in Newark, has represented the City in various municipal appeals and civil litigation matters before the Superior Court. She has also represented and served as legal advisor to numerous city departments, agencies and boards. She holds a bachelor's degree from Monclair State College and a juris doctor degree from Rutgers University School of Law.

Williams is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, Garden State Bar Association, Association of Black Women Lawyers and Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International.

Both of the mayor's appointments are subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Photo credit: William Ramos, City of Newark

Van sought for Dudley House

PLAINFIELD—Recently, clients of Dudley House, a therapeutic halfway house that serves alcoholics and drug addicts, went on a fishing trip in the Dudley House van. On their return trip, the engine of the 15-passenger van caught on fire. No one was hurt, but the van was destroyed.

Dudley House is a service of Project Alert, an organization dedicated to assisting in recovery from alcoholism and drug addiction. Project Alert has been under the sponsorship of the City of Plainfield since 1972. The majority (90%) of the funding for the project and its services, however, comes from outside grants.

"Funding covers treatment, but it doesn't cover a van. We don't have any money for a van," said Carol Anderson, director of Project Alert.

Project Alert is seeking a van for Dudley House. Clients of Dudley House are employable, male residents of Union and Middlesex Counties who are aged 18 to 65 and have a primary addiction to alcohol. Referrals to Dudley House are accepted from alcoholism/drug treatment agency staff, and acceptance is based on an in-house interview—priority is given to Plainfield residents.

At Dudley House, the opportunity for a corrective emotional experience is encouraged in a homelike setting. The average length of stay for clients is six to eight months. Upon completion of the program, each man is expected to be employed and able to support himself within the community. Treatment includes individual and group counseling, alcoholism and/or narcotics anonymous involvement, psychological and vocational testing and counseling, work and recreational therapy, nutritional therapy and individual life planning.

"It's difficult to do what we're supposed to do without the van," said Anderson. "The Red Cross has been very helpful in taking us shopping every week, but we need a van."

Anderson explained that the Dudley House staff is responsible for taking the residents to their therapy and counseling sessions, doctor and dentist appointments, court appearances, etc. She is very grateful for the aid of the Red Cross, but she says that the Red Cross can not transport Dudley House clients to all of their appointments.

Anyone interested in donating a 15-passenger van to Dudley House should call 908-753-3627.

Coping Madly in love

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

"Dear Dr. Faulkner:

I read your column religiously and now need your advice. I am a 40-year-old professional woman, who is attractive and happy, except that I am madly, uncontrollably in love with someone with whom I once worked. Once he touched my hand and I almost had a climax. I am beginning to think I am crazy. I have cried, prayed and done everything I could to forget him, but I cannot. I think about him every day and have dreamed about him every night for several years. He is nice, kind, intelligent and very knowledgeable. He has never said anything to me, except professionally. I do not have the nerve to tell him how I feel about him. What should I do? Please print my letter in its entirety."

Signed, Tortured in Chicago, IL.

Editor's Note: No name or address was included with this letter. Although the veracity of this letter is questionable, the problem mentioned in it is common enough to be shared with you.

Dear Tortured:

Your problem is not uncommon. Many

men and women develop life-long "crushes" on members of the opposite sex. These feelings of enchantment often lead to unhappiness and long-term loneliness. They are much like the feelings that some teenagers have relative to movie stars and television personalities. To love someone, without being certain that that individual loves you, is risky business. Imagine what would happen if you fell in love with someone whose looks or behavior appealed to you. Your life would be a roller coaster that would at some point run off track and land you in the psychiatric ward of some hospital.

The most revealing point in your letter is that you have had these feelings for years. Your case is sounding more and more like infatuation. The time passed long ago when you should have become more realistic, and when you should have determined if you are expressing the highest degree of reasonableness and maturity in staying with what might be a hopeless situation. At some point, you are going to have to confront the possibility (or probability) that there is no potential for you in this situation.

You said that you lack the motivation to express your feelings to this gentleman. Maybe, that is the surest way to determine if his feel-

ings for you are identical to yours. Your letter describes him as "nice, kind, handsome, intelligent and very knowledgeable." This description indicates qualities that are vague, superficial and hardly those that might sustain a relationship for any reasonable period of time. Aren't there quite a few men around with similar qualities? And, aren't some of these men locked away in penal institutions? Since he has related to you in only a professional manner, this might be the way that he wants it, on a long-term basis.

You might need a competent professional to show you how to cope with your own emotional needs and confront the reality of the world in which we live. As a paring shot, invite him to lunch, or get a mutual friend to intercede. Finally, look around you. This gentleman whom you walk pass each day, without speaking, may feel the same way about you that you feel about your long-term "love."

Correspondence can be mailed to Dr. Charles W. Faulkner in care of City News, at Post Office Box 1774, Plainfield, New Jersey 07061.

NPCBW submits names for Clinton administration

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Lyle Kearse.

Nominees for the United States District Court include NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Elaine Jones, U.S. magistrate Debra Robinson; former U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Natalia Greene; and associate judge of the Superior Court for the District of Columbia Evelyn Crawford Queen. Mary Gooden Terrell, a former assistant U.S. attorney and senior counsel to the Resolution Trust Corporation, has been nominated for the Superior court for the District of Columbia.

Other notables on the list include former National Education

Association President Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell; National Council of Negro Women President Dr. Dorothy Heights Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Ebelman; National Urban Coalition President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ramona H. Ebelin; Opera-PLST Vice President Rev. Willie Barrow; Arkansas Depart-

ment of Health Director Dr. M. Jocelyn Elders; renowned physician Dr. Roslyn P. Epps; newspaper publisher Frances Murphy; Chicago's former chief financial

officer Lucille R. Dobbins; and former Chicago, Illinois and Oakland, California Superintendent Dr. Ruth Love.

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Mitchell accuses Council

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According to the mayor, budget reductions were also proposed in the areas of Economic Development, Public Works and Recreation, while increases were made to the Council's budget in the areas of travel and legal expenses.

El-Amin said that for the past ten years the council has given an increase to all the unions and all the administrators. The proposed increase for the council is the first in ten years. Also proposed were increases to the library, which the administration planned to cut, and a matching grant for Community Oriented Policing Program.

"What council is doing is cutting the fat from the high paying officials," she explained. "The administration doesn't want to lay off it doesn't want to make cut in the higher paying salaries. At some point we have to take a look at it."

The mayor or feels that the council members actions "were meant to cause enough chaos and bad publicity for Plainfield to help them set the stage for influencing the next Mayoral election in 1993."

El-Amin says that the council was just doing its job. "The council's allegiance is not to the administration; our allegiance is to the taxpayers."

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

JERSEY CITY—The Five Corners Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, 678 Newark Avenue, will present a film, "Prancer," at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD—Holy Cross Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Grove and Mercer Sts., will conduct its annual Christmas Eve blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People of all faiths are asked to give the "gift of life." For more info or to donate, please call 765-6414 or 494-1117.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

NEWARK—A coalition of community based organizations are hosting the second annual Kwanzaa Unity Festival at the Jersey City Public Library, 678 Newark Avenue, will present a film, "Prancer," at 1 p.m.

JERSEY CITY—Kwanzaa Festival hosted by Brother Sister United Together from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boys Club, 11 Canal Street. Children's activities of tasty home-made goods will be sold. An African Fashion Show, featuring local models, will be held at Kwanzaa King, as well as a writing contest for children, ages 7 to 15, entitled "What Kwanzaa Means To Me." \$5 registration fee.

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange Children's Theater series will perform at Upsala College Little Theater. Two showings will start at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Adult admission is \$3, children, \$1. Reservations for large groups are suggested. For more info call 201-266-5123.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral (TSPC) presents a "Festival of Lessons, Carols and Kwanzaa," at 4 a.m. In the TSPC sanctuary, 608 Broad Street. For more info, contact the Cathedral at 201-526-1403, 1-430 p.m. at 201-526-3505.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

NEWARK—Dr. Maudina Karamba will speak at the 2nd Annual Kwanzaa celebration of the New Jersey Black Women's Convention at the Terrace Room of Newark Symphony Hall, 1009 Broad Street, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for youth. For more info call 201-733-6427 or 201-634-7983.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

JERSEY CITY—The Five Corners Branch of the Jersey City Public Library, 678 Newark Avenue, presents a film, "National Lampoon: Christmas Vacation," at 1 p.m.

PLAINFIELD—The Langston Hughes Lecture Series of the Plainfield Public Library presents its Fifth Annual "Kwanzaa Celebration" at the library, 8th Street at Park Avenue, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$4. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more info call 908-757-1111.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

BEUL—A Toy Train Show and Sale will be held at the Shenandoah Hotel at Woodbridge Place, 2000 Woodbridge Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4. Children under 12 are admitted free. For more info call 908-463-7883.

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PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

The following is a weekly summary of top national news events affecting the African-American community compiled by the National Black News Wire (NBNS).

Somali 'Warlords' may determine country's future: Despite attempts to dismiss them as no more than power-hungry warlords, the four major clan leaders in Somalia may play a more decisive role in the country's future than the current U.S. invasion force. With the U.S. expected to complete its humanitarian mission within three months, the clan leaders appear to be taking advantage of the respite from nearly two years of fighting to plan or plot the future of the famine-stricken east African nation. There are four principle combatants in the Somali civil war. The two most powerful are interim president Ali Mahdi Mohammed and Mohammed Farah Aided—both of the Siyad Barre clan. The two were allies in the overthrow of former dictator Siad Barre in January 1991. But they became arch-rivals when Aided objected to Ali Mahdi's naming himself interim president. The two lesser leaders are both of the Daarod clan. One, Colonel Jess, is thought to be allied with Aided while the other, General Morgan, is believed to be backed by the government in neighboring Kenya. With thousands of armed men and boys under their loose control, these warlords may be the men who determine Somalia's future when the U.S. troops leave within the next three months.

—MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Two jurors say Mike Tyson should get new trial: At least two of the jurors who found former heavyweight boxing champion guilty of raping 18-year-old Desiree Washington now say Tyson should get a new trial. Jurors Dave Vahle and Rocco Pride last week told a Philadelphia radio talk-show host that they no longer believe in Washington's testimony. And both said they were writing letters to the Indiana Court of Appeals urging that Tyson be given a new trial. Vahle and Pride indicated their minds were changed by revelations that Washington had discussed big money, book and film deals with lawyers before the trial. Tyson lawyer Alan Dershowitz recently filed an appeal arguing that Washington's undisclosed plans gave her reason to lie on the witness stand. The two jurors shared their feelings with WHAT-AM talk-show host Ted Wiatley. —PHILADELPHIA, PA

Mandela condemns new wave of attacks on South African whites: African National Congress President Nelson Mandela has forcefully condemned a new wave of attacks on whites in South Africa. According to the black leader, "It is unacceptable that innocent civilians should be killed for any reason." Within the last three weeks at least 10 whites have been killed and at least 25 injured as the result of a raid on a wine-tasting party and a bomb planted at a white restaurant. The violence has prompted fears among whites that if the black majority takes power in South Africa, many blacks may seek revenge for decades of mistreatment by the white minority. South Africa has approximately 5 million whites and 35 million blacks. The recent attacks were carried out by the militant Azanian People's Liberation Army which says it has declared war on whites. —JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Trouble dogs first black woman senator: The first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate has been hit with yet another scandal. Two campaign workers have told the Chicago Sun-Times they were sexually harassed by Carol Mosely Braun's campaign manager, Kippie Matthews. But Braun says the workers never told her about any harassment. She added another probe of sexual harassment charges against Matthews found no wrongdoing. Braun was also caught up in charges involving the misuse of state funds to benefit her mother. During the campaign she agreed to repay any excess money received by her mother. —CHICAGO, IL

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Inaugural prayer service scheduled at Washington's historic AME Church

By Larry A. Still

Before William Jefferson Clinton takes the oath of office as the 42nd United States President January 20th, he will attend official Inaugural Prayer Services at the his-

toric Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church in downtown Washington, D.C., about five blocks from the White House.

Known as the "National Cathedral" of African Methodism, the church was founded by members of the "Underground Railroad," where

slaves escaped to freedom, explains Rev. William P. DeVaux, the eloquent current pastor, who was personally contacted by inaugural committee officials in early December to arrange for an ecclesiastical service.

President-elect Clinton was reared as a Baptist and his wife,

Hillary, is a Methodist, but the new chief executive attended religious services at several denominations in Little Rock, Ark., while serving as governor for twelve years.

"I understand he wanted the prayer services at a black church and he is familiar with our denomination

through Bethel AME church in the state capital," Reverend DeVaux said.

Although plans are still being completed, transition Committee Chairman Vernon Jordan and longtime Clinton supporter Ernest Green are active Metropolitan church members.

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Toy safety isn't just for kids

By Emma Byrne

Toy safety isn't just for kids. It's for parents, grandparents, anyone who purchases a toy for a child.

Each year a team of investigators from state, county, and local consumer affairs offices make spot checks of store shelves throughout the state for toys that have been recalled by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

Most of these toys have small parts that could break off, posing a choke hazard if a young child or baby were to swallow it. Most of the toys on the CPSC's list look harmless enough—a stuffed animal with a pretty pink bow, a handy plastic chain that makes a pacifier into a necklace, a bright green plastic rattle.

But that rabbit's plastic eye could choke a child, and its ribbon, longer than the 12 inches recommended for children 3 and under, could strangle a child. That handy plastic chain could do the same thing. And the rattle could break apart into small, deadly parts.

Luckily, it seems that manufacturers and retailers are aware of the importance of toy safety. In 1990, investi-

gators found 807 recalled toys still on the shelves. In 1991, they found just 10 toys, all in one store in South Jersey, out of 250 stores inspected.

Investigators can't tell every toy store in the state. That's why it's important for shoppers to check toys carefully before they buy.

Under a new state law signed last year by Governor Florio, stores that sell toys are required by law to post the CPSC's recall notices for 120 days. Another measure the governor signed last year requires doctors to report all toy-related deaths and injuries in New Jersey to Consumer Affairs.

Here's how to buy safe toys for children 3 and younger:

- Check items carefully for possible hazards.
- Look for age recommendations.
- Teach older children to keep their toys away from the little ones.
- Don't give children under 8 toys with sharp points.
- Make sure strings and ribbons are less than 12 inches long.

To report an unsafe toy, call the CPSC's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. TTY for the hearing impaired is 1-800-638-8270.

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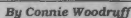
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Merry Christmas

Our communities need leaders who can visualize year 2000 leadership — Frederick Douglas, Booker T. Washington, W. E. B. Dubois, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, Ronald Brown leadership. Just as Americans have backed the intervention of U.S. troops in Somalia to feed the millions of people who are starving, Americans need to see President-elect Clinton initiate a campaign to rebuild our cities and create jobs that will enable people of the cities to reinvest in their own communities.



Mercer County Assemblyman John Watson isn't waiting for opportunity to knock. He's on the

Ms. Lawrence defeated former

Essex County Warden Gigg Fouchee is walking with a cane to relieve pressure on a sprained ankle she hurt in a fall in the jail complex and not because some wild eyed inmate attacked her as some folks

If the Assembly O.K.'s the measure, then it's up to the Governor to sign it into law or affix his veto. So which way will Florio go, especially since he's facing his own re-election

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Robert D. Rowan
President and CEO
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Quote of the Week

"Stop wasting your money! Your money was not given to you, so why should you give it away for what you can do without? We could save millions of dollars for education, land, machines, cattle, homes and factories. How can we begin? Stop spending money for tobacco, dope, cigarettes, whiskey, fine clothes and automobiles, expensive rugs and carpets, idleness, sport and gambling. Stop living on credit and loans. We must build a better future for ourselves and our children."

—**Elijah Muhammad**, founder of the Nation of Islam

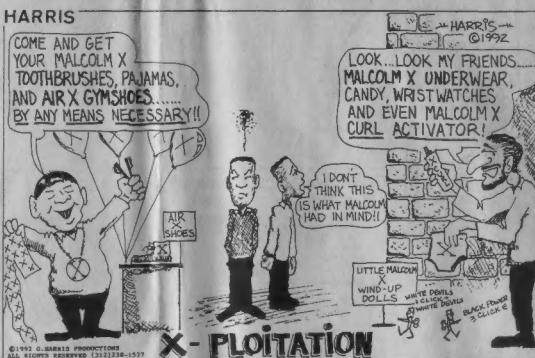
Malcolm's mentor

By William Reed

With the mass-market success of the "Malcolm X" movie, young African-Americans

Elijah Muhammad was the force that built the foundation that propelled Malcolm X to national prominence. Elijah Muhammad was the one with the original "I have a dream" concept. His dream was for economic independence for blacks, and he taught Black Muslim members the processes of spiritual and economic discipline to help them realize his dream. As early as 1937, under the tutelage of Elijah Muhammad, the majority of Black Muslims were better off financially than other blacks, making a fertile place for people to

Malcolm's mentor showed the Black Muslims how to acquire 10,000 acres of farms and orchards in Michigan, Alabama and Georgia. The "dream" realized for Elijah Muhammad was tons of meat, eggs, produce, and other items, pro-



Is violence a health problem?

Commentary by Louis W.
Sullivan, M.D.

1) Study the problem scientifically and in detail to understand it better. Who is most affected by violence? When, where, and why does it occur? In truth, we know

Instead, we must use broader approaches, which fit the problem.

- Mentoring—providing one-

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CELEBRATING KWANZAA

KWANZAA CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

NEWARK—A coalition of community based organizations are hosting the second annual Kwanzaa Unity Festival at St. Rocco's School, 21 Ashland Street, from 1-8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more details call Yvonne Iremail, 201-823-7363, or Gladys McMillan, 201-999-2684.

JERSEY CITY—Kwanzaa Festival hosted by Brother Sister United Together from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Boys Club, 1 Canal Street. Cultural gifts and a variety of tasty home-made goods will be sold. An African Fashion Show, storytelling and an appearance by the Kwanzaa King, as well as a writing contest for children, ages 7 to 15, entitled "What Kwanzaa Means To Me," \$5 registration fee.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEWARK—Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral (TSPC) presents a "Festival of Lessons, Carols and Kwanzaa," at 4 p.m. in the TSPC sanctuary, 608 Broad Street. For more info, contact the Cathedral Office weekdays, 1-4:30 p.m. at 201-622-3505.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

NEWARK—Dr. Maulana Karenga will speak at the 2nd Annual Kwanzaa celebration of the New Jersey Black Issues Convention at the The Terrace Room of Newark Symphony Hall, 1020 Broad Street, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for youth. For more info call 201-733-6427 or 201-824-7463.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

PLAINFIELD — The Langston Hughes Lecture Series of the Plainfield Public Library presents its Fifth Annual Kwanzaa Celebration at the library, 8th Street at Park Avenue, from 7-9 p.m. For more info contact Karen Thorburn, Director of the library, at 908-757-1111.

KWANZAA, a word from the East African language of Swahili which means "first fruits of the harvest," was historically a celebration in honor of the harvest of the first fruits and vegetables. Each tribe, or community, in Africa would get together to sing, dance, eat and drink to celebrate the harvest of the first fruits and vegetables. They would bring food they grew, or things they made, to give to the feast. It was a fun time of year.

In present-day America, families celebrate Kwanzaa to reflect on the past year's events, to map the future, and to participate in cultural awareness activities. Everyone contributes foods and gifts to the celebration.

Kwanzaa has become a forum for African-derived cultures to explore their cultural roots. Celebrated in December, Kwanzaa encompasses seven principles and nine symbols. During the holiday, family members discuss the meaning of each principle, and light a candle in the Kinara, which is one of the traditional symbols of Kwanzaa.



1. UMOJA (U-mo-ja) Unity

To work for togetherness in my family, our community in which we live, our nation and with others.

2. KUJICHAGULIA (Ku-ji-cha-gu-lia) Self-determination

To believe in myself, to be strong in mind and body, and to do things that will not destroy us, but will strengthen us in life.

3. UJIMA (U-ji-ma) Collective Work and Responsibility

To work together with my brothers and sisters, side by side. To do my share of the work and help my brothers and sisters do their part.

4. UJAMMA (U-ja-ma) Cooperative Economics

To prepare myself in school to create our own businesses and jobs. To build a better community for my family and others.



5. NIA (Ni-a) Purpose

To always remember our ancestors and the struggles they went through to make a better world for us. To work with my brothers and sisters to make a better life for our people.

6. KUUMBA (Kuum-ba) Creativity

To use my imagination and artistic talents to make our environment a more beautiful place.

SYMBOLS OF KWANZAA

There are seven basic symbols and two optional symbols of Kwanzaa:

2. MKEKA (M-Ke-Ka) Mat

The Mkeka represents our foundation.

3. KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA (Ki-Kom-be Cha U-mo-ja) Unity Cup

A symbol of unity used by everyone taking part in the Kwanzaa celebration.

4. MISHUMMA SABA (Mi-shum-ma Sa-ba) The Seven Candles

The candles represent the Nguzo Saba (the seven principles of Kwanzaa). One candle is lit each day of the celebration.

9. BENDERA YA TAIFA (Ben-dera ya Ta-ifa) The Red, Black and Green Flag

The flag was used by a great black leader, Marcus Garvey. Red is for the blood of African people; Black is for the face of African people; Green is for hope and Africa.

1. KINARA (Ki-nara) Candleholder

The symbol of our ancestors.

5. MAZAO (Ma-zao) Fruits and Vegetables

The mazao is a symbol of how we work together.

6. VIBUNZI (Vi-bun-zi) Ears of Corn

The Vibunzi represents children.

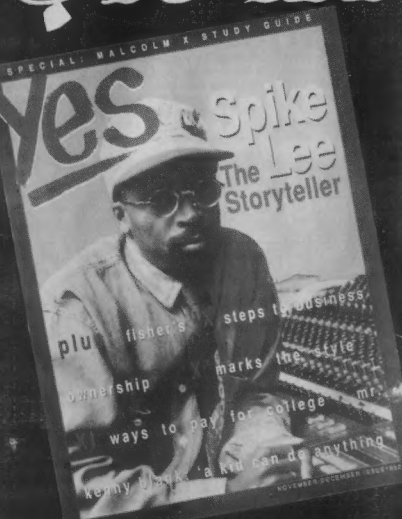
7. ZAWADI (Za-wa-di) Gifts

Gifts are given as a reward for work well done.

8. NGUZO SABA (N-gu-zo Sa-ba) The Seven Principles

A set of beliefs which Kwanzaa is based on.

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Religious Calendar

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

NORTH PLAINFIELD — Holy Cross Episcopal Church, located at the corner of Grove and Mercer Streets, will conduct its annual Christmas Eve blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People of all faiths are asked to give the "gift of life." For more info or to make an appointment to donate call Terry at 908-756-6141 or 908-494-1177.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

NEWARK — The Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee will hold a holiday tour of Newark churches. The tour will leave from St. Patrick's Pro Cathedral, on the corner of Washington St. and Central Ave., at 1 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 non-members. Reservations are made by sending a check to the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee, PO Box 1066, Newark, NJ 07101.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

PLAINFIELD — Sister Yancey, in association with the Strand Theatre, presents "Churches Unite - Can't Miss Gospel Explosion for '93" at the New Strand Theatre, 207 East Front Street. The show, starring Judah Faith Fellowship Outreach Ministry of Edison, Faith Temple Mass Choir of Elizabeth and Rescue House of Prayer Mass Choir of S. Plainfield, will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more info or tickets call 908-753-9174, 908-615-2873 or 908-561-9588.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

DUNELLEN — Dunellen Methodist Church will host a Flea Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church, 150 Dunellen Avenue.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

SECAUCUS — The Jersey City branch of the NAAOP presents its 12th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the Sheraton Meadowlands at 8:45 a.m. Rev. Dr. James Watley, pastor of the St. James AME Church in Newark, will present "Reach Out and Touch." For more info call 201-333-3697.

Wanted: volunteer 'Poverty Fighters'

NEWARK — F.I.C.L., Inc., a non-profit Christian organization, announces its program to benefit North Newark, Hudson County and neighboring communities. "Poverty Fighter," created to help families and individuals in need.

F.I.C.L. is also starting a very important program to benefit chil-

'Medical Mystery Uncovered'

Piscataway woman unveils truths of Sarcoidosis

PISCATAWAY — After Sandra Conroy was forced to leave her administrative position on Wall Street because of an increasing weakness in her arms and legs, she was dismayed by the fact that doctors could not answer her questions about the complicated disease that attacked her nervous system and left her partially paralyzed.

In 1984, at the age of 38, Conroy was diagnosed with sarcoidosis (pronounced sar-coy-do-sis). Sarcoidosis is not a household name, even though it has been around for more than a hundred years. It is a rare, chronic disease that can cause or cure for this disabling disease, the ability to diagnose sarcoidosis will enable treatment. It

has been difficult to diagnose the disease because of the confusing symptoms and lack of awareness of the rare disease. Government and health officials are even unaware of the number of people afflicted with the illness.

"I wanted to make a difference," said Conroy. Struggling with the complications of sarcoidosis herself, the Pis-

cataway resident spent years learning about her disease. Her extensive research led to the development of a book, "Sarcoidosis, Medical Mystery Uncovered," which includes medical terms, charts, a directory for self-help groups and names of Sarcoidosis-expert physicians from almost every state.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there concerning this dis-

ease," Conroy said. "This book will help not only people (afflicted) with the disease, but physicians and research technicians as well." The American Lung Association uses Conroy's book as its main resource on the disease.

In order to help other sarcoid patients, Conroy has also developed a Resource Guide and Directory.

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Sandra Conroy

spleens and livers, cause skin rashes and can even be fatal.

Although there is no known cause or cure for this disabling disease, the ability to diagnose sarcoidosis will enable treatment. It

Food for Thought

Keep sugarlumps in children's heads and out of their diets:

"There is a place for sugar in children's diets. They need sugar, vitamins, and minerals for energy. But parents should watch for 'hidden sugars' in foods," said Janice Staff, a research instructor at Baylor College of Medicine. "Moderation is the key."

Children who learn to prefer sweet-tasting foods may face problems down the line, she said.

For example, a high-calorie diet can lead to weight gain in some youngsters. Although most children burn the extra calories received from sugar through daily activity, some do not and may eventually end up overweight.

Also, dental problems such as tooth decay and unhealthy gums can be reduced by limiting sugar in the diet.

Staff warns that food manufacturers often add sugar to their snack products, especially microwaveable foods.

"Parents can promote healthier snacks and decrease sugar intake by making snacks at home," said Staff.

She offers the following suggestions to reduce sugar:

- Is a drink unsweetened fruit juice and avoid soft drinks containing sugar. Read the labels. Words such as "punch," "fruit drinks," and "100% juice" mean the drink has a high sugar content.

- When preparing juice from concentrate, dilute the juice with additional water to cut the sweetness.

- Use fresh fruit purées with chopped fruit to add natural sweetness to baked goods or low-fat plain yogurt.

- Make your own frozen fruit bars by freezing juice (orange juice is especially good).

- Flavor pancakes, waffles, muffins, and hot cereals with spices such as cinnamon or nutmeg, or with extracts — vanilla, almond, orange, or maple.

- Use 2/3 to 3/4 of the sugar called for in recipes.

- Replace cocoa with carob powder in baked goods. This will decrease sugar by 25%.

- Pack lunches with individual servings of unsweetened applesauce or fruit in packed in water or light syrup.

- Devise a plan with your child to limit candy or candy bars to once or twice a week.

These guidelines can be used in the battle against high-calorie diets," she said. "Promoting a healthy diet is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child during the holidays and throughout the new year."

Food obsession and the holidays:

The holidays, Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year, are among the cheeriest times of fun times and great meals shared with those we love most.

It's understood, that we're all supposed to be happy and joyful during the holiday season, but for countless Americans who have eating disorders this is not a happy time. It's, instead, one filled with stress and emotional discomfort.

There are also countless numbers of Americans who do not have eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa, bulimia, or food addiction, but are obsessed with food, weight, and dieting.

According to Rodney DeMichael, M.A., the Executive Director of The Center for the Treatment of Eating Disorders, in Livingston, "this is a result of a preoccupation in our society with being underweight and over-exercised, as demonstrated by the explosion of health spas, exercise programs and weight loss plans."

The problem is greatest among women who receive conflicting messages. For women food is associated with being loving and nurturing. Yet, women are expected to diet rigorously and maintain unrealistically low body weight.

It is particularly difficult to cope with these issues in the midst of holiday festivities, which often include the availability of excess amounts of food and alcohol.

"It's a scary time for people in recovery," says Patricia DePol, a psychotherapist and recovered anorectic. DePol talks about the effects the holiday had on her when she was anorectic. "I didn't want to eat, but food was everywhere. My only alternative was to keep to myself. I went out as little as possible, avoiding family and friends."

The following are some signs that indicate that a person might have an eating disorder:

- preoccupation with food, dieting, or weight
- absence of menstruation
- significant weight loss or gain
- vomiting to control weight

- loss of control, leading to food binges.

If you believe someone you know is having a problem with food, don't be judgmental or critical.

You can help by talking to the person about what you've seen and suggest they seek help. Specialized treatment is available throughout New Jersey. You can get information and referrals in your area by calling the New Jersey Eating Disorders Helpline, 1-800-634-2268. The Helpline can be used throughout the holidays.

Public education booklet on African-American adoption

NEW YORK — Spence-Chapin Services — an 80-year-old, non-profit adoption agency which has been in the forefront of African-American adoption — announces the publication of a public education booklet on African-American Infant Adoption.

The booklet will serve as a resource for African-American couples and single adults who are exploring the idea of adopting a baby. Using a question and answer format, the booklet addresses many of the questions raised by prospective adoptive parents. Many of the topics covered apply to all adoptions regardless of the age of the child and ethnicity of the family.

A copy of the booklet can be obtained free of charge by writing Spence-Chapin Services at 6 East 94th Street, New York, NY 10128; or calling them at 212-369-0300.

Christmas tree guide available

WESTFIELD — According to Madeline Flahive, Program Associate in Agriculture, the "New Jersey 1992 Choose & Cut Christmas Tree Guide," published by the NJ Christmas Tree Growers' Association, is now available, free of charge, at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County office.

Listed in the 1992 guide are 103 farms throughout the Garden State,

where families are able to purchase a Jersey Fresh Christmas Tree, which is "Freash by Miles" since it is cut shortly before being displayed in the home. Also included are tips on the care of the "real tree," plus recycling information.

In New Jersey, the family tradition of going to a nearby Christmas tree farm to Choose and Cut the Yule Tree began in 1907 on the farm

of W.V. McCalliard, located on the outskirts of Trenton.

Anyone requesting a copy should send a stamped, self-addressed #10 size envelope to Madeline Flahive, Program Associate in Agriculture, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield, New Jersey 07090 or stop in the office for a free copy.

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Who stole the soul?

Whites as hip-hop music commentators

By Todd Burroughs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Amin Banaqa, the internationally acclaimed writer-poet-activist-writer, wrote the following about jazz criticism in the "Jazz and the White Critic" chapter of his 1968 book "Black Music":

"Most jazz critics have been white Americans, but most important jazz musicians have not been."

Unfortunately, the same can now be said of hip-hop music, otherwise known by the white media as "rap music."

There is a continuing battle among whites over who is more qualified among themselves to market, interpret and put into

the story the Black hip-hop experience. If we do not get involved — and quickly — hip-hop music criticism will suffer the same fate as

jazz.

The multi-talented Quincy Jones and his business partners at Time Warner Communications have started a new hip-hop culture magazine called "Vibe." It is intended to rival "The Source," which bills itself as "The Magazine for Hip-Hop Music, Culture and Politics."

What's the problem with that? Well, the editor of "Vibe," Jonathan Van Meter, is white — and gay. The founders of "The Source" are also white — and Harvard graduates. "Source" Editor-in-Chief Jon Shecter said in a recent "Washington Post" article on "Vibe" that his new rival "has a sense of coming from the outside" of the hip-hop experience. Van Meter responded with this: "I feel that I take more (expensive) for being gay than he does for being a wannabe.... I think I am closer to the aesthetic of rap

than he is, because I'm lower-class, big family, grew up on the edge of a Black neighborhood, went to a (lousy) high school, you know.... I mean, I feel, in some fundamental way, more qualified as a white man — if we're going to talk about that — than Jon Shecter is."

And this, mind you, is about a battle over definition control of a music that was born in the streets of urban Black America, that epitomizes Black masculinity and promotes an Afrocentric thought perspective independent from the filter of whiteness!

Many reading this column may wonder why Black America should care. They would argue that much of hip-hop is violent, vulgar and sexist, to say the least.

All of those arguments are factual. But so is this: Hip-hop music, like it or not, is a powerful communications medium for those who feel

dispossession and left out of the rest of America. It has energized and politicized a generation of African-American youth, exposing them to their culture, history and leaders. The resurgence of Malcolm X as a political and social icon is due to the hip-hop artist's use of his recorded statements in their music. There are many positives to this music, if you would only listen. If you don't believe that, find the hip-hop group Arrested Development in your local music store!

Suggestions to elementary and high school teachers and community youth center leaders: Study hip-hop music for yourself. Have your classes write about the genre. Have them review albums. Let them write about what the music means to them as African-Americans. Teach them the history of African and African-American music. Create a "Black Music wire



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"Service" (make up a name) as a classroom project. Send the articles in the "wire service" to your local Black newspaper.

If this is done, music and popular culture historians — many of whom, hopefully, (like Havelock Nelson and Michael Oleszewski, who wrote the book "Bring the Noise: A Guide to Rap Music and Hip-Hop Culture," Random House) will be

Black — will have other sources on hip-hop music and African-Americans than either "The Source" or "Vibe." This way, we may lose the (circulation) battle but will win the (historical) war.

Todd Burroughs is the recipient of the 1992-1993 Public Affairs Reporting Fellowship at the University of Maryland at College Park.

African heritage recognized throughout January



Leslie Uggams as Kizzy and Sandy Duncan as Missy Anne in "Roots" airing on The Family Channel.

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA — The Family Channel will pay tribute to the culture and heritage of African Americans throughout the month of January. The tribute begins, appropriately, on January 17 with the powerful story of "King," the biographical mini-series of civil rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. Written and directed by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Abby Mann, the series, which will run from noon to 6 p.m., powerfully traces each decisive event of the civil rights movement.

One of the largest casts in the history of television drama was assembled for the making of "King." Paul Winfield stars as King. Cicely Tyson portrays Coretta Scott King, and Ossie Davis plays the role of Martin Luther King, Sr. From Birmingham, Ala., to the triumphant march to the Lincoln Memorial, to the horror of his assassination, the drama covers the span of Martin Luther King's adult life.

The tribute continues on January 21 at 9 p.m. with "A Blues Session: B.B. King and Friends" airs.

Joining B.B. King are Eric Clapton, Phil Collins, Etta James, Gladys Knight, Chaka Khan, Albert King, Billy Ocean, the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and the late Paul Butterfield. The concert was taped in 1987 in the Elsbey Showcase Theatre in Los Angeles and previously aired on Cinemax.

It's sultry, it's soulful, it's electric, it's the blues. The one-hour show brings top talent together to salute one of America's originals, the blues.

Closing out the month, the Family Channel will air one of the most compelling human sagas in television history — "Roots." Beginning at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 20, the highest-rated miniseries of all time will last through Sunday, January 30. The series will repeat nightly at 11 p.m. on these dates.

This scheduling of "Roots" is a tribute to the late author Alex Haley. The re-airing of the miniseries the last week in January is just days shy of the anniversary of Haley's death last February 9.

The series stars include LeVar Burton as Kunta Kinte, Cicely Tyson as Amara, Louis Gossett Jr. as Fiddler, Ben Vereen as Chicken George, Edward Amos as Captain Davies and Lloyd Bridges as Evan Brent.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present The Uptown Swing Quartet, a program celebrating African-American music at the Newark Museum Auditorium. For ticket information call 201-624-8203.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

MONTCLAIR — Popcorn Playhouse's series of the Art Council of the Essex Area presents "Straighten Up and Fly Right"

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performance of African-American folk tales by United State, celebrating the humor and wisdom of the black oral tradition at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Montclair Kimberly Academy. For information call 201-744-1717.

MONDAYS

JANUARY 11-FEBRUARY 22

BRIDGEWATER — The New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners announces will host, Start Right, an intensive 15-hour classroom seminar that helps women learn the basics of finance and marketing, how to access capital and develop a business plan at Bergen Community College. For more info or to enroll call Harriet Nazarets at 908-707-0173.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

NEWARK — The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra will present, "Putzi" on the Ritz, a tribute to the memorial music of Irving Berlin at Symphony Hall. For ticket information call 201-624-8203.

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events to: City News Billboard, P.O. Box 1774, Plainfield, NJ 07061

Sober drivers

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■ Pay attention to how much alcohol your guests consume. You are responsible if any of your guests are involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident. Provide an alternate way home or invite anyone who appears intoxicated to spend the night. Call a cab, ask a sober guest to drive him/her home, or call AAA's Operation Safe Tow.

■ Enlist the help of sober party guests to convince an intoxicated guest not to drive. If necessary, take his car keys away. Emphasize how much you care for his or her safety and that you're not trying to embarrass him or her.

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Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-1010580-92

Please take notice that the Court has established 9:00 A.M., Jan. 8, 1993 as the return date of hearing for an Order to Show Cause, sought by Michael Rindorine

Petitioner, wherein he seeks an Order directing the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles to issue Certificate of Title in his name.

Objections and comments on this application, or review of the file, can be arranged through the Clerk, Hudson County Superior Court, Law Division, 383 Newark Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07306, or Petitioner's representative (below).

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In Re: Lloyd Hamilton

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

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Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-9005-92

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In Re: Ignazio DeSantis

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

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In Re: Louis Fizzarotti

N.J. Division of Motor Vehicles

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Superior Court, Hudson County Docket No. L-1010580-92

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CITY BUSINESS

Advice on refund policies for holiday shoppers

Business Calendar

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

ISELIN—The New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants will host an Accounting Career Fair at the Sheraton At Woodbridge Plaza from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more info call 201-226-4494, ext. 225.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

BRIDGEWATER—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will host a special Breakfast Forum with Malcolm "Steve" Forbes, Jr., president and CEO of Forbes, Inc., from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Bridgewater Manor. Admission is \$30, \$20 for members.

NEWARK—One of the busiest days for New Jersey retailers is the day after Christmas, when thousands of shoppers return or exchange presents. It can also be one of the most frustrating days for consumers who discover that either the store has a "no refund-no exchange" policy or that the refund deadline has passed.

Consumer Affairs Director Emma Byrne advises holiday shoppers to make sure they know the store's refund policy before making a purchase.

"Many consumers are under the false impression that a store must accept returns or exchanges," said Byrne. "In fact, a store is perfectly within its rights to have a no-refund or a limited refund policy. New Jersey law does not dictate what type of refund policy a store may have. However, whatever the policy is, it must be posted where consumers can see it."

The New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act requires retail stores to post their refund policy on a sign that is either attached to the item itself, affixed to each cash register or point of sale, situated in a location clearly visible to the consumer from the cash register, or posted at each public entrance of the store. The sign must state the conditions of the refund, including whether proof of purchase is required, the deadline for receiving a refund and whether the refund will be in cash, credit or store credit.

If a store does not have a specific refund policy posted, the consumer can assume that unused and undamaged merchandise can be returned within 20 days after purchase for a full refund.

Byrne offers these tips:

1. Make sure you know the store's return and refund policy before you make a purchase.

2. If you don't see a return policy, posted, bring it to the manager's attention and ask what the policy is.

3. If you are buying a present for someone else, keep the receipt and write the refund or return policy on the receipt if it isn't already there.

4. If you have a problem returning or exchanging merchandise, first try to resolve the problem with the company. If the problem can't be resolved, contact the consumer affairs office in the county or municipality where the business is located. If there is no local consumer affairs office, contact the state Division of Consumer Affairs at 201-504-6200.

5. Be cautious about buying expensive items like jewelry or electronic equipment from street vendors.

6. If you need to return the merchandise, chances are you won't be able to find the vendor again.

Justice may be blind, but she can still smell

By Les Gaines, Esq.

A young man stood before the court wearing a white button-down shirt, a conservative burgundy tie, navy blue pin-striped slacks and highly polished black wing-tip shoes, stood there with an aura of quiet dignity and listened as the judge continued his tongue-lashing on the young man.

"This court won't tolerate your running around this community firing shotguns at our decent citizens," The young man nervously interrupted. "But judge, but judge." The judge responded, "don't interrupt me! I am going to dismiss the charges this time, but don't ever come before me again! Now, what is it you want to say?" The young man exclaimed, "I am the one who was shot at. I am the one who is dismissing the charges."

The judge's eyes and nose had been conditioned to see the man in the sneakers and shorts as the defendant and the conservative black executive as the victim.

If you have to go to court as a defendant, victim or witness: dress neat and clean; check your personal hygiene; wash your face; comb your hair; brush your teeth; and by all means, use deodorant. Remember, "Justice may be blind, but she can still smell!"

Leslie Isaiah Gaines is a criminal attorney who recently resumed his column for NNPA. If you have a legal question, write to: Gaines Explains, 3569 Reading Road, Cincinnati, OH 45229, or call: 513-751-5000.

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Internal Revenue Service tax Q & A for the non-filer

Q. I heard that the IRS is giving amnesty to people who haven't filed a tax return in awhile. Can you tell me about it?

A. The IRS is not offering an amnesty program, but it is encouraging nonfilers to come back into the tax system.

The IRS realizes that people don't file for many reasons, like procrastination or not having the money to pay. IRS will work with those people to help them with their overdue returns and explain the different payment options. They are still expected to file all tax returns and pay any tax and interest that are due.

Q. Why should I file now?

A. For several reasons. Not filing is costing you more than you think. You may be due a refund that you could lose if you don't file within three years. If you owe tax, interest and penalties are still adding up. IRS may waive some penalties if you can show a valid reason for not filing.

Also, if you don't file a tax return and you owe social security tax, you won't have a work history to qualify you for social security benefits when you retire.

If nonfilers don't come forward voluntarily, they could face criminal charges.

Q. What if I owe tax, but can't pay it? What are my payment options?

A. If you can't pay the entire amount, you should file your return and pay what you can. Attach a letter to your return explaining your financial situation. The IRS will work with you to set up a payment plan or to pursue an offer to settle the account.

Q. I haven't filed a tax return for the past year or so. How do I know I won't go to jail if I come forward?

A. The IRS has never pressed criminal charges against people who came forward on their own to file a truthful return. It is the people who willfully keep failing to file that will face criminal charges.

Q. What forms do I file? Can I get help filling them out?

A. You can get most of the prior year forms you need from your local IRS office or by calling 1-800-829-1040. Assistants are available in most IRS offices to answer questions about tax laws and offer help with completing the forms. They can work with you on your payment options. You also can get tax help by calling the toll-free number.

You may also get free help from volunteers trained by the IRS in the Prior Year Tax Assistance Program. Now Jersey has 13 PYTA sites around the state. For more information, call 1-800-829-1040.

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT), under provisions of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), gives notice of its intention to apply for \$50.0 million in Section 6 formula funds, which are available for the purpose of providing operating and capital assistance, as well as \$59.83 million in Section 3 Fixed Outlay formula funds, \$81.06 million in Section 9 Discretionary funds, and \$1.5 million in Surface Transportation Program funds during Fiscal Year 1993. NJ TRANSIT also gives notice of its intent to apply for \$1.38 million in FY 1993 Federal assistance available under Section 1602(b) and \$1.16 million under Section 18 for transportation services for senior citizens and disabled persons and for transportation in rural areas.

The Federal funds will be matched as required with funds provided by the State of New Jersey and counties participating in the Section 18 Program in accordance with Federal and State guidelines. NJ TRANSIT intends to provide the non-Federal share of Section 3 and Section 9 capital projects through credit for toll revenues and potential violation erosion account funds as allowed by Sections 1404 and 3039 of the ISTEA. The program is presently being reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

SECTION 9 FORMULA OPERATING AND CAPITAL PROGRAM

(In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	LOCAL	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Operating Assistance			
Purchase of Associated Capital	263.35	38.01	301.36
Maintenance Items (spare parts)		3.10	3.10
Purchase of Signs and Shelters		1.00	1.00
Rail Station Rehabilitation		12.90	12.90
Hoboken Terminal Design/Rehabilitation		1.00	1.00
Mountain Connection Design/Relocation		4.00	4.00
Westfield Branch Rail Design		3.20	3.20
Purchase of Non-Revenue Vehicles/Equipment		1.34	1.34
Purchase of MiniBuses/Vans		1.60	1.60
Purchase of Bus Facility Doors		0.76	0.76
Purchase of Operations Support Equipment		4.40	4.40
Enhancement to Management Information System		2.50	2.50
Private Carrier Capital Improvement Program		0.60	0.60
Planning Studies		11.67	11.67
Capital Lease Payments			
TOTAL	263.35	69.81	333.16

PROPOSED SECTION 3 FORMULA PROGRAM

(In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Rehabilitation of Rail Infrastructure	45.50	45.50
Centralized Train Control on the Northeast Corridor Rail Line	6.37	6.37
Newark City Subway Upgrade	1.00	1.00
Upgrade of Locomotive and Cab Car On-board Signal Equipment	0.58	0.58
Rolling Stock Overhaul/Replacement	1.00	1.00
Purchase Maintenance-of-Way Equipment	2.28	2.28
Purchase of Associated Capital Maintenance Items (Spare Parts)	3.00	3.00
TOTAL	59.83	59.83

PROPOSED SECTION 4 DISCRETIONARY PROGRAM

(In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Construct Hudson River Waterfront Transit Hub	17.57	17.57
Bus Radio Safety Improvements	3.25	3.25
Monmouth County Corridor Alternatives Analysis/		
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	2.98	2.98
Construct Atlantic City Bus Maintenance Facility	17.06	17.06
Rebuild New York, State Thruway Authority and the		
Western Railroad and Paterson Station	40.17	40.17
TOTAL	81.05	81.05

PROPOSED SECTION 1007 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

(In Millions of Dollars)

PROJECT	FEDERAL	TOTAL
Rehabilitation of Hoboken Terminal	1.50	1.50

A. Property Acquisition/Environmental, Economic, and Social Aspects

Any property acquisition or relocation that may be required will be conducted in accordance with the appropriate provisions of the law and regulatory requirements. As appropriate, the social, economic, environmental, and relocation aspects of the projects will be investigated. If required under applicable laws and regulations, interim findings must be presented at a public hearing and public notice must be solicited. Prior to the implementation of any of the projects and to the extent required, NJ TRANSIT may prepare an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to federal regulations. The availability of the documents and the same information as the same manner as the State of New Jersey. NJ TRANSIT will adhere to all federal statutes and regulations affecting properties on the National Register of Historic Places.

B. Comprehensive Planning

NJ TRANSIT projects are developed in coordination with the following planning organizations: The North Jersey Transportation Coordinating Council (NJTCC), which is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Northeast New Jersey urbanized area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which is the designated MPO for the Camden, Trenton, and Philadelphia area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which is the designated MPO for the Camden, Trenton, and Philadelphia area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which is the designated MPO for the Camden, Trenton, and Philadelphia area, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), which is the designated MPO for the Camden, Trenton, and Philadelphia area.

C. Private Enterprise Participation

Through the comprehensive planning process administered by the MPO's and ongoing communication with NJ TRANSIT's Office of Capital Administration, NJ TRANSIT will continue to discuss with private carriers their participation in the capital program. In addition, NJ TRANSIT encourages to the maximum extent possible, the participation of the private sector in the development and implementation of public transportation of the State of New Jersey.

D. Elderly and Disabled

Services to be provided will be consistent with NJ TRANSIT's program of reduced interstate and intrastate rail and bus fares for elderly and disabled persons. Every reasonable effort will be made to plan and design program elements involving facilities generally available to the public with careful consideration of the special needs of elderly and disabled persons.

E. Public Input

NJ TRANSIT invites public comments on the above projects and its performance. Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing may be sent to Albert R. Hasbrouck, Senior Director of Corporate Affairs, NJ TRANSIT, One Penn Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2246 by January 25, 1993. Based on comments received in response to this notice and information made available, NJ TRANSIT may modify the above programs before final submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and will make a determination, pursuant to FTA regulations, as to whether a public hearing is in order.

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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT CORPORATION

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Inaugural prayer service

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bers who first informed the pastor of the President's interest. Green, a former assistant secretary of labor, was one of the original "Little Rock Nine" black students who integrated the city's Central High School in the turbulent 1950's.

This (Clinton's) inaugural service shows the importance of the Black Church in the Black Community and the recognition of this by Bill Clinton," Green told reporters. Most presidential inaugural prayer services have been held at St. John's church across the street from the White House, except for President Jimmy Carter, who selected his ceremony at the city's First Baptist.

The Metropolitan organizer and choir are expected to participate in the 1993 Inaugural service, but the complete program is still being arranged. Although the sanctuary seats 2,500 persons, the minister doubts many of his members will be able to attend because of the number of officials, participants, guests and

media required.

The Right Rev. H. Hartford Brooks, presiding bishop of the AME Second Episcopal District headquarters in Washington, is also expected to participate in the ceremony with invited prelates from the Church's 14 other districts. Representatives of several other denominations in the U.S. Capital will be invited to the ceremony. Bishop Brooks was co-chairman of an inter-denominational Religious Committee's "get-out-the-vote mobilization drive" during the 1992 presidential election campaign.

Although the media expressed surprise at the church site, Reverend DeVaux noted that since President William Howard Taft spoke at Metropolitan in the 1920s, nearly every American president (and several African chief executives) have either attended services or spoke at the church, including retiring U.S. President George Bush, who visited as vice-president.

The AME designation of Metropolitan as a "Cathedral" suggests not only "the grandeur of the rich bronze-stone edifice, but also the involvement of the congregation over the years in the civic, cultural, economic and social advancement of African-American people," according to the church history. From anti-slavery leadership to voter registration and AIDS education, the church has been in the forefront of purposeful activities for well over 150 years. DeVaux named Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar as members.

Like the AME's "Mother" Bethel Church founded in Philadelphia in 1787, Metropolitan began as a result of African-American dissatisfaction with segregated seating arrangements in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dissident groups formed the Israel AME Church in 1821 and the Union Bethel in 1838, which merged to form Metropolitan in 1870. The cornerstone was laid in 1881.

A CITY NEWS Christmas Carol

(sung to the tune of "The Christmas Song")

*Hot wax melting in the Schaefer coater,
Jan Johnson heavy on our heels,
Camille does the layout as Nicol edits type,
And Sandra makes sure it's all mailed out right.*

*Everybody knows, an Exacto knife and a pica ruler,
Help to make our job flow a little smoother,
Though quitting time is many hours away,
We'll take a break to say Happy Holidays.*

*We know that Henry has to drive,
This week's paper to the printer by five,
But Lorraine has got other things in mind,
Like accepting three more ads at 4:59.*

*And so, we're offering this simple phrase,
To readers, aged 5 to 92.
Although it's been said, many times, many ways,
Happy Holidays to you!*

CITY NEWS wishes you a happy and safe holiday!

Truths of Sarcoidosis

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The handbook is a compendium of information, covering a multitude of helpful subjects including directories of specialists, self-help groups and government resources.

Besides founding her publishing company, PC Publications of Piscataway, Conroy is also the founder of the National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, an organization designed to provide services for sarcoid patients and their families.

The Center provides free literature, physicians referral and quarterly newsletters. It also promotes and helps to establish self-help groups, networking, and communications. To encourage education and research the Center will also provide reports to physicians, health care professionals, social workers, and government agencies.

The Resource Center has a computer data base for Sarcoidosis, which will enable government and health

officials to acquire various statistical reports. Officials will also be able to learn how many people in the country are afflicted with this disease.

"All the funding for the resource center has come out of my pocket," Conroy said. "I have spent about \$28,000 on the center since 1990. It is really a financially draining endeavor. What started out as something modest two years ago has grown enormously, beyond my financial capability."

In attempt to finance the center, Conroy has instituted annual membership dues of \$25. Donations are accepted if people cannot afford the dues. Also, all proceeds from PC Publications are put toward maintaining the center.

For more information about the National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, or to obtain the Sarcoidosis Resource Guide, write to National Sarcoidosis Resource Center, P.O. Box 1593 Piscataway, N.J. 08855-1593, or call 908-699-0733.

Is violence a health problem?

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violence;

- Family counseling—providing help to the entire family when potential problems exist in one family member.

- Skills training—teaching individuals, especially young people, the social skills of resolving disputes without recourse to violence.

Of course, the problem of violence is not going to be solved by public health or social service programs alone. Violence arises from frustration and hopelessness, and a whole range of social factors are involved: economics (including poverty, unemployment), discrimination, lack of opportunity, education and cultural examples, including media portrayals.

But public health approaches

can help—if they are handled correctly. That means:

- First, we must examine violence comprehensively. Violence is not confined to homicide. It includes rape, sexual assault, spousal battering, elder abuse, and indeed suicide. We are learning that the perpetrators of violence are often those who were themselves previously the victims of violence. We need to understand violence in its entirety.

- Second, we must not let the study or prevention of violence be contaminated by racial stereotypes. Violence is a problem of humanity, not of one race or another.

- Third, and most important, we must put communities in the driver's seat of violence prevention. No effort to confront and reduce violence

can have any chance of success unless it is understood by the community, supported by the community, and indeed led by the community. The best programs today for preventing violence started not at the federal or state levels, but in cities, towns and neighborhoods.

The federal government can support research and help share ideas. But if violence is to stop, our communities must continue to lead the way.

Dr. Sullivan is U.S. secretary of health and human services.

As I see it...

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problems next year and will need all the help he can get from some of those same people.

The most welcome Christmas gift of all for hundreds of folks in New Jersey was the extension of welfare benefits that would have been cut off in the midst of holiday celebrating.

At least they won't have to face the prospect of looking for jobs that aren't there in the dead of winter. Somehow warm weather disasters don't seem to be as tough to tackle.

It's time for Yuletide greetings to all our friends and faithful readers.

Our wish is that you get everything you wanted to receive but didn't know who to ask; and that your families find this the best Christmas, Kwanzaa and holiday celebrations they ever had.

Next week, our New Year's resolutions for you and yours.

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Other prominent individuals nominated to be Clinton appointees include economist and nationally syndicated columnist Dr. Julianne Malveaux; United Bank of Philadelphia Chief Executive Officer Emma Chappell; National Institutes of Health Director and former National Medical Association President Dr. Vivian Pinn; and NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorney Elaine Jones.

Counted among these nominees are three college presidents: Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole of Spelman College, Dr. Niana Sudarkasa of Lincoln University, and Dr. Gloria A. Scott of Bennett College.

The Commission includes a mandate for policies that impact on the welfare of African-American families.

It has also recommended that there be a Department of Children and Youth to address issues that involve and impact on the health, welfare, development, and socialization of future generations.

"If America is to be a world leader, it must provide its youth with the greatest opportunities to not only survive, but to progress and achieve," said Tucker, who also serves as Chair of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus. "The establishment of such a Department, solely dedicated to this mission is imperative."

Addressing the Commission's goal that African-American women will no longer be barred from access to opportunities because "no qualified African-American could be found," Commission Chair Dr. Ramona Edelin made this observation:

"If President-elect Bill Clinton intends to authentically address the problems and potentials of America's vastly underutilized populations of color, he will need the help of those strong, highly accomplished and committed African-American women who have, for generations, served this nation as unsung heroines."

"It will not be possible to rebuild our great cities; to develop our families and neighborhoods as diverse, whole environments for human capital enhancement; or to educate and train our young people for the global marketplace of this century and the next without including this extraordinary reservoir of talented, experienced and successful women."

The Commission will continue to make recommendations to the Clinton-Gore Transition Team throughout the transition period.

Serving in Commission leadership roles in addition to Dr. Edelin are its co-chairs, National Coalition of 100 Black Women National Chair Jewell Jackson McCabe and Fannie Mae Board Member Dr. Gloria E. A. Toote. Commission members represent nearly 40 Black women's social and civic organizations nationwide.

The National Political Congress of Black Women is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1984 to fulfill the mission of empowering African-American women politically, socially, and economically.

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